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## Vespers preview rings in season

Maureen Yonovitz

ARTS EDITOR

As the holidays draw near, many things come to mind: buying and wrapping gifts, putting up decorations, going to church, spending time with family and friends.

All of these things have at least one thing in common. They are all traditions. And every year, another Christmas tradition continues on campus in Hope's own music department: Christmas Vespers. Originating in 1941, as a response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, what began as a single performance has now grown into a much larger festival of four performances. This year's presentations will take place at 4:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Dimnent Chapel.

Brad Richmond, coordinator of the events describes Vespers as an important tradition for the school and a commemoration of the more spiritual aspects it pays tribute to.

"It is for the college. For those here now and for the alums. Many who I'm sure are not still with us and many who are," Richmond said. "In a nutshell, it is celebrating the birth of Christ. Ringing in the season, as it were."

Three college ensembles perform in Vespers every year. These include Chapel Choir and College Chorus, conducted by Richmond, and the Symphonette, conducted by Richard Piippo of the Hope music faculty.

Also regular to the performance are two organists, although the performers change every year. This year, David Bellows ('05) will play the Gallery Organ located in the chapel balcony. Heidi Dykema ('04) will play the Chancel Organ, which Richmond said is a very difficult instrument to play.

"I think the single greatest challenge (of the Vespers performance) is to have the responsibility to play

**more VESPERS on 2**



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Preparations for the four Christmas Vespers performances on Saturday and Sunday are well underway as its ensembles continue to rehearse. Vespers is an event that sells out early every year at Hope to the Holland community. Instituted in 1941, Vespers is still going strong today.

## It's that time again: Holidays, Exam Week, upcoming break are upon students and staff

Coming soon are Christmas movies and snacks for studying

Jenny Cencer

SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

The sights and sounds of Christmas are more than apparent at Hope, whether it's a dorm or cottage decked in twinkling lights, an actual smuggled, the carols playing in Phelps, or a sudden craving for candy canes.

Hope has erupted with holiday cheer, and several local organizations will be sponsoring events for the season and to counteract impending exam exasperations.

The traditional Christmas Vespers program is Saturday and Sunday, and the Student Ac-

tivities Committee, Salvation Army, I.V.E. League, and the Kletz will be sponsoring several opportunities to get into the Jolly Ol' 1 St. Nicholas spirit.

The Salvation Army and I.V.E. leagues' annual Angel Tree program is underway and gift tags can be acquired from the tree in VanWylen library. All participants are asked to purchase the described Christmas present for a child and return each donation by Dec. 10.

SAC will be sponsoring a Christmas Movie Spectacular starting at 7 on Saturday

night in Knickerbocker Theatre. For a \$3 admission, students and staff will be entertained by three Christmas films, or any one film can be seen for \$2.

First up will be a showing of the 1960s version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," by Dr. Seuss, followed by the recent remake starring Jim Carrey. The yuletide movie night will conclude with a showing of the traditional favorite, "It's a Wonderful Life."

Diana Breclaw, Assistant Dean of Students for Residential Life and Student Activities, said plenty will be going on dur-

ing the movie night.

"There will be fun Christmas songs, Santa, and tons of free goodies," said Breclaw.

Beginning this week, the Kletz will have a tree on display from which to place donated hats and mittens for those in need. All donations will go to programs of the Women in Transition and should be brought in by Dec. 11.

Today, the Kletz is also hosting a Christmas buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meals will be \$5.25 per plate and will feature a traditional holiday spread of roast beef, herb-roasted potatoes, cranberry salad, and more. The Kletz will also be the location for a visit by Santa from 6 to 8 tonight. Exam Week nightly snacks will be available Tuesday through Thursday starting at 8.

Nightly Kletz snacks for Exam Week available Tuesday through Thursday next week, starting at 8 p.m. each night.

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#### Students present at symposium

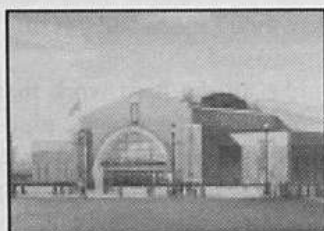
A total of 19 senior nursing students at Hope College will present the results of their fall semester research during a poster symposium on Friday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Schaap Atrium of the college's new science center. The students have worked in a variety of health care settings on research or evidence-based projects this semester. Their projects range from seeking ways to help women stop smoking during pregnancy, to childhood obesity, to pain management, to hospital hand hygiene, to the length of time spent in emergency rooms.

#### Professor receives Dreyfus award

Dr. William Polik of the Hope College chemistry faculty has received an award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Scholar/Fellow Program for Undergraduate Institutions. The award, one of only four made nationwide this fall, will enable a post-doctoral Fellow to spend two years mentored by Polik at Hope, learning how to combine a research program with undergraduate teaching. Hope, Polik believes, is uniquely qualified to serve as a host site. The \$100,000 award will pay the Fellow's salary and provide funding for research and supplies. The individual chosen will have just completed his or her doctorate.

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# Next up are fieldhouse, Martha Miller Center

After completion of Peale Science Center

Jordan Wolfson  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Hope is expanding, and finishing touches are being applied to the new Peale Science Center, near Van Wylen Library and Van Zoeren Hall.

Students have also been aware of repaving and redesigning of the parking lot on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to the railroad tracks. Aside from these two very apparent renovations, Hope is preparing to launch even more projects to update and

beautify campus.

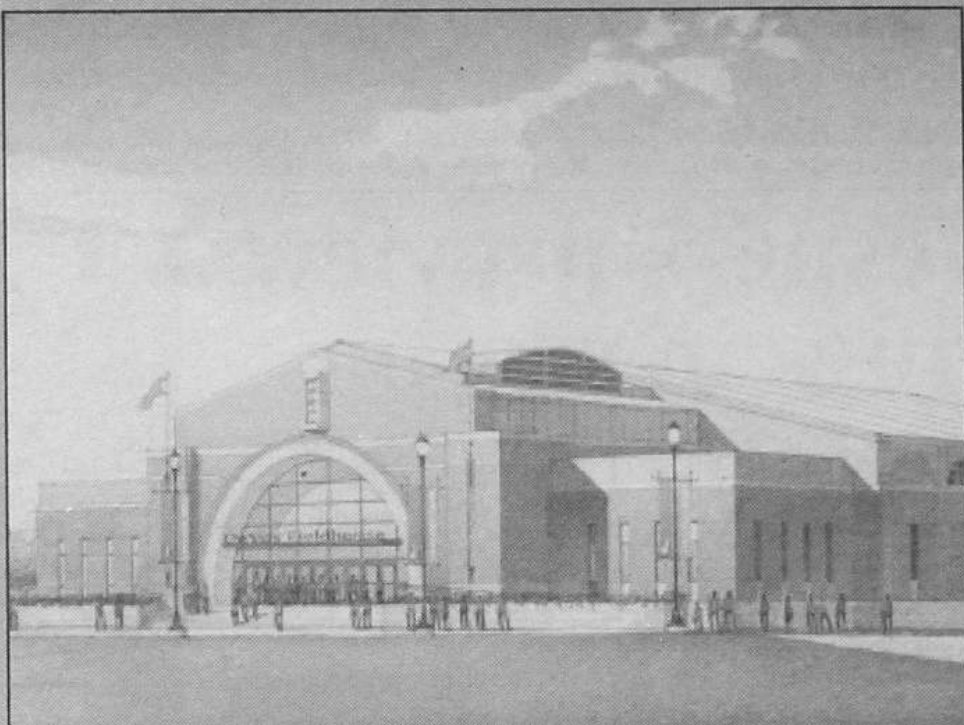
The DeVos Fieldhouse -- a new 102,000-square-foot sports facility and kinesiology complex is in the works. Construction documents for the fieldhouse complex have been drawn up, and all that is needed now is a go-ahead from the college's Board of Trustees. A spring start date is anticipated.

Plans for the Martha Miller Center, a new home for the Communications and Modern Languages departments, are also moving along. That building will go up on the grounds of the soon-to-be-torn-down Lincoln School.

Design documents for the center have been completed and the plans are being reviewed by the departments.

Once the departments sign off on plans, final costs can be determined for the project, which has a groundbreaking planned for this spring.

**These buildings...will greatly expand the experience and services that Hope College can provide.**



Set for groundbreaking in the spring, the new DeVos Fieldhouse is destined to be home to the Flying Dutchmen basketball, numerous other sporting event, and kinesiology classes.

In a few years, when these buildings are completed, they will greatly expand the experiences and services that Hope College can provide its students and faculty.

## Hope's new Multicultural Life director has high hopes

Anje Dykhuis  
MANAGING EDITOR

There's a new face in Student Development, and some may not even be aware of the fact. Vanessa Greene, director of Multicultural Life, began working at Hope a month ago, coming from Student Development at GVSU's Meijer campus. Having known Hope's previous director of Multicultural Life, Greene became aware of the position at Hope opening up and was attracted to the Christian community.

"I have a passion for diversity," said Greene. "Changes in an issue like this are complex, so the goal is not an overnight solution, but to break down the walls that divide students and staff. I want to develop a more realistic opportunity to get to know each other, to realize the commonalities we share. We all need to feel appreciated. When we realize those core needs, we are not segregated by differences."

Green's goal for herself and for Hope is for the community here to see the office of Multicultural Life as a resource for everyone, not just minority students.

She also emphasizes the role that she sees the Christian faith as having in the reach for diversity.

"It's a communitywide initiative, not exclusive. Hope is 95 percent white, so we have to include the community at large," Greene said. "I'm eager to get to know the community and welcome any opportunities to work collaboratively."

She hopes to raise Hope's expectations of what a diverse and



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—Vanessa Greene

healthy community can be. "My vision is to raise the bar. Often we look at where we are and sometimes get discouraged. You hear 'community' but don't see it. My goal is to build upon the positive things that have already happened. The increase in diversity may be small, but to recognize successes, to extend the offer to people of all backgrounds, to build collaboration and to work specifically with Campus Ministries is essential to progress."

Greene wants the community to emphasize diversity and honesty without worrying about political correctness.

"People want unity. I don't want people to be reluctant to come to my office. The door is open. 'Together we stand; divided we fall' is one of my favorite quotes. Let's stand together. I believe in my heart that people want unity. The challenge is figuring out how to achieve it," Greene said.

## Hot on the MATH path, Hope wins

How does this add up: Of 46 teams from 16 colleges, Hope prevails

Kirsten Winek  
ANCHOR STAFF

A team of three Hope students recently won the 2003 Michigan Autumn Take Home (MATH) Challenge. The winning team consisted of Daniela Banu ('06), Stefan Coltisor ('05), and Heidi Libner ('05).

Forty-six teams representing 16 colleges and universities participated in the statewide event, for which Hope also entered five other teams.

The competition consisted of a three-hour test with 10 problems covering concepts usually found in undergraduate mathematics curriculum.

The test is taken by groups of two or three students and is taken on the students' home campus. Hope's winning team earned a score of 85 out of 100. This score beat the second-place team, Calvin College, by 10 points.

Several of the team members have competed on other winning

teams. Coltisor was on the winning team in the 2002 Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition, and Banu and Coltisor were

members of the three-student team that won the Lower Michigan contest in April.

The groups were advised by Aaron Cinzori, assistant professor of mathematics.

"This is a fairly big accomplishment for Hope. This is a statewide competition... (and) the first time in the competition's 10-year history that Hope has won outright," Cinzori said, adding that Hope tied for first with Calvin in 1997.

"This was a decisive win, with Hope's team beating the second-place team by 10 points out of 100 possible," Cinzori said.

Schools that had teams place in the top 10 included Calvin College, Michigan Technological University, Lawrence Tech., Albion College, Central Michigan University, and Grand Valley State University.

The next big math challenge this year is the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition.

**This is a fairly big accomplishment for Hope.**  
—Aaron Cinzori,  
professor of mathematics

MATH team members Banu and Coltisor will be competing in the Putnam competition along with three other Hope students: Jim Boerkoel ('06), Mike Rininger ('04), and Peter Van Wylen ('05). The Putnam competition is nationwide and very highly competitive, with top prizes including a \$25,000 prize and a scholarship to Harvard.

Cinzori said even more events are ahead. "In the spring, there are two more competitions, the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an international contest in February; and the Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition, a statewide competition in April."

"Hope is a two-time defending champion at the (Lower Michigan event) and plans to defend its title and the coveted Klein bottle trophy. We have also fielded teams in the MCM, an interdisciplinary, multiday competition, the last two years."

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the Chancel Organ," Richmond said.

Vespers also includes several other groups that vary from year to year. This year's performance will feature the Hope Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, and Woodwind Quintet.

As both choral conductor and Vespers coordinator, Richmond oversees the onstage happenings as well as all that happens behind the scenes.

Bob Hunt of the physical plant coordinates decorations and chapel setup for the event. Linda Dykstra of the music faculty is artistic coordinator for decorations, and Roger Veldhof, chapel custodian, oversees the chapel's maintenance

needs, such as coordinating the movement of pianos, in order to keep the space clean and organized for a smooth, enjoyable performance.

"These are just three of many many people from the physical plant, volunteers, and the countless students who spend hours and hours of their time to pull this off," Richmond said.

Amidst all the hard work that goes into the performances, especially for students who spend time rehearsing and then performing on the weekend before finals, Richmond reminds all involved of the meaning Vespers holds for so many people. Richmond mentioned that it brings joy to the audience, of the

members, the uplifting experience of it all.

Also behind the scenes is the recording of two Vespers CDs. One is made available for purchase and another is used for nationwide broadcast purposes. For the broadcast recording, David Schock of the Communications Department will read a narration written by Richmond.

Due to its popularity, all four of this year's Vespers performances are sold out.

According to Richmond, tickets are often sold out soon after the first day they are put on sale to the public. For him, this is not surprising: "It's a pretty good deal for five bucks."



# Juried show puts student art to the test

Students put effort into creating display-worthy pieces for annual exhibit

**Jenny Cencer**  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

A collection of juried student pieces will be available for viewing in the DePree main gallery from now until Dec. 12. An opening reception will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday.

John Hanson, assistant professor and director of DePree Gallery describes the display as more than 70 works, all by Hope students and all created from varieties of media, including acrylic paint; color and black-and-white photography; ceramics; and sculpture crafted from steel, bronze, and mixed media. Artwork ranging from a neon light sculpture, a lamp resembling a bomb, and melded steel formations are now available for viewing. The gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The pieces featured throughout the gallery were juried on Nov. 19 by Hope graduate Anne Harrington-Hughes, an installation artist from Detroit and Eric Stephenson, a sculptor working out of Chicago. These jurors' responsibility was to select a limited number of works that maintain quality and a

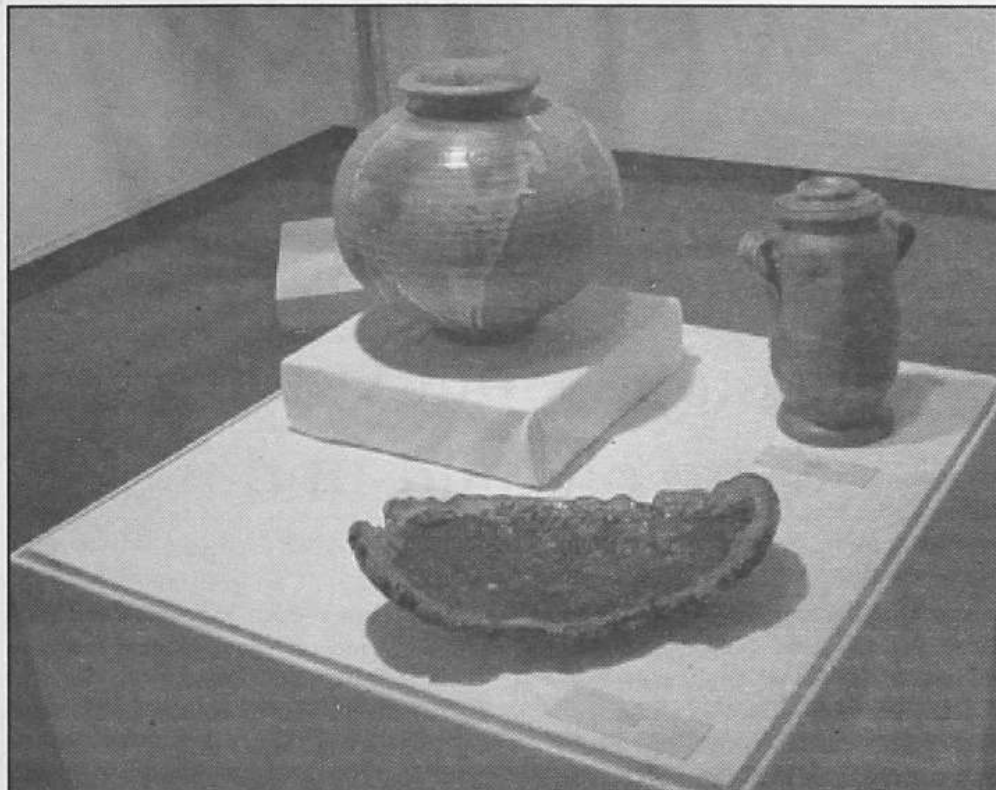
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—Heidi Bender ('04)

distinct atmosphere to exhibit in DePree. The jurors also provide opportunities for students to discuss their pieces in detail, especially after a disappointing rejection.

"Being an effective artist entails being an effective communicator," said Heidi Bender ('04), one student artist who has her artwork on display in the show. "I had a painting rejected this year because the frame had been badly dinged. I thought that the painting was good, but I learned that not only the artwork itself is important, but also the way that it is presented...works were also turned down because they were not developed enough, the workmanship was not stellar, or that the work simply did not strike them that day, which is tough but the way the art world works...I was informed that even though the work was good, the buyers wouldn't spend money on a painting that they viewed as damaged."

Each piece residing in the DePree Gallery has a unique message for the observer.

"You can't measure art," Bender said.



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

These three pieces in the Juried Student Art Show are all ceramic works by Andrew Lick ('04). His three pieces in the exhibit include (clockwise from back left) "The Start," "Anyone's Guess," and "Leaf Bowl."

"There is no concrete method to test to see if it's good or bad. You can judge craftsmanship or concepts behind the piece, but when you come down to it, it's all opinion, and I don't know two people that think alike."

## VWS ends semester with duo

Year's final event features two award winning authors

**Jordan Wolfson**  
SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

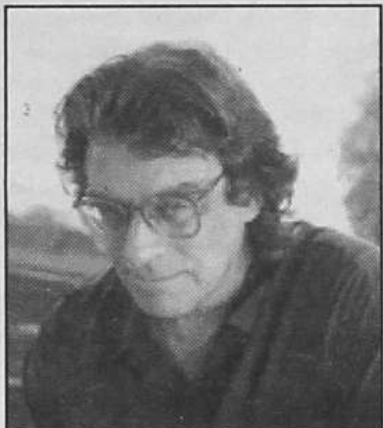
The end of the semester at Hope College holds many wonderful activities for those who want to get away from the stresses of finals week, including the holiday Vespers at Dimnent Chapel and the Visiting Writers Series (VWS), which is hosting its final authors of the semester.

For this final performance of the year, the VWS has brought in Steve Orlen, a very famous poet to present his works to the Hope College community. This VWS event will also feature Kellie Wells, the winner of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction. Orlen and Wells will both be sharing their award winning writing.

The reading will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

Orlen has written six books of poetry. His newest one is entitled, "This Particular Entity," and was released in 2001. Other books of poetry he has written include "Permission to Speak," "A Place At the Table" and "The Bridge of Sighs." Orlen has won three National Endowment for the Arts grants and he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1999. He currently teaches in the Creative Writing program at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"The Visiting Writers Series has



Steve Orlen and Kellie Wells are the semester's final visiting writers. They will read at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Knickerbocker.



been one of my most positive experiences here at Hope...Steve Orlen is a tremendous poet, who sounds completely willing to talk to students. He will be staying in Holland for longer than usual to dedicate more of his time to talking to students," said Phil Waalkes ('04), student assistant to the VWS.

Kellie Wells is an up-and-coming writer who has already released her first short story collection entitled "Compression Scars." She is finishing up her second collection, called "Fat Girl, Terrestrial." "Compression Scars" won not only the O'Connor award but also won the Great Lakes College Association New Writers Award. Wells was also a finalist for the Dove Heinz Prize. She currently teaches at Washington University in St. Louis.

"Slyly comic, yet deeply felt.... (her fiction) embraces the sacred weirdness of everyday life," said writer and past VWS reader Peter Ho Davies about Wells' work.

"This is going to be a stellar

*This is going to be a stellar reading.*  
—Alicia Abood ('04)

reading. Both of these writers write with tenderness and care, and they invoke a captivating and addicting sense of humor through language. Steve has been writing for a number of years, and has published numerous books, while Kellie is a new and emerging writer. They will compliment one another perfectly," said Alicia Abood ('04), another VWS student assistant. "Despite semester wind-down chaos and pre-exam stress that will abound next week, this is one reading not to miss. Steve and Kellie will help any audience member to 'unwind' a little."

For those who crave a time to forget about their finals and hectic schedules, this reading is not to be missed. The Hope College Jazz Ensemble will precede the readings with a 6:30 p.m. performance.

## Students present work in colloquium

Last Arts and Humanities installment of the semester is 4 p.m. Thursday

**Joe Turbessi**  
STAFF REPORTER

This semester's series of academic colloquia sponsored by the Dean for the Arts and Humanities will be concluding with a student colloquium. This will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday in rooms B04 and B06 of 100 E. Eighth Street.

The student colloquium is a rare opportunity for students to "get a taste of what it's like to be a real scholar," said Kathleen Verduin, coordinator of the colloquium. Most of the colloquia are reserved for the faculty members to make presentations to their colleagues, but the last colloquium of the semester is reserved for students to make presentations to the faculty and other students. After the presentations, student presenters will take questions and comments from the audience.

Joshua Hauser ('04), a student presenter at last year's colloquium, commented that the question-and-answer session was the most instructive portion

of the experience. "...The opportunity to read my paper in front of a public audience was a great privilege, but it was an even greater privilege to have that same audience tear it apart," Hauser said. Hauser later revised his paper based on the feedback he had received.

Competition to be a student presenter at the colloquium is rather stiff. Students must demonstrate outstanding scholarship in their discipline in order to be considered. This year's student presenters will be Alisa White ('04), Lauren Rebecca Hinkle ('04), Timothy Fry ('05), Kerilyn Harkaway ('04), Glenn Lester ('05), and Alicia Abood ('04).

Verduin commented that the colloquium is very good for students who may not otherwise be aware of how distinguished their work is. "(The colloquium) is a chance for students to see the quality of their work and to be rewarded for their labors," Verduin said.

There will be two sessions of the colloquium, which will be conducted simultaneously. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free of charge and all members of the Hope community are invited to attend this event.

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## Films reveal history

Several documentaries prepared by communication students at Hope College and featuring area history, events and people will

be shown at the Knickerbocker Theatre from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. The public is invited. Admission is free.

A total of five programs have been scheduled for Thursday. The documentaries run from eight to 24 minutes in length.

Audience members may come and go as they wish.

The films will be: "Ray Smith," "Dr. Fred Johnson," "The History of Trains in Holland," "The Things That Matter Most" and "Barbara Timmer."



## INFOCUS

## WEEKEND WOES

There's fun to be had on campus, but you need to go out and find it

Katie Taylor

INFOCUS EDITOR

When first coming to Holland to attend Hope College, some students were moving to a city bigger than their hometowns. Others, coming from places like Chicago and Traverse City, were downsizing. Either way, many students have to adjust to the new community during their freshman year—and adjusting means finding new things to do to keep them occupied during out-of-class hours.

Holland is home to 36,000 people so the community has certainly adapted to their shopping and dining needs. The abundance of restaurants and stores on 131 serve students well, if they have a car. Still, even those who do might get sick of the same places. That's why many of them head to Grand Rapids, just 30 miles away, on the weekends for more shopping or clubbing. But for those who don't have a car here, particularly first-year students, such places are out of reach.

So what can you do Friday and Saturday if you stay on campus? Well there's always homework, but that usually isn't a popular choice... Students often forget that there are usually always live performances happening on campus, from plays in Dewitt's theatre to dances at the Knickerbocker. This winter there will also be opportunities to cheer on Hope athletes at weekend basketball tournaments and swim meets.

Recent movies are shown every weekend in Graves Hall, which has always attracted a good number of students because of the cheap price (two bucks) and popular titles.

Sara Pillow ('07) has attended both the showing of "The Matrix" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" in Graves. She admits it is partly because not having a car cuts down on op-

tions for weekend activities. Pillow most often finds herself hanging around her dorm with her cluster mates, watching movies and bumming rides off friends to Steak 'n Shake. Coming from small Elkhart, Indiana, this isn't much different than what she did while she was back at home.

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—Mike Vagle ('07)

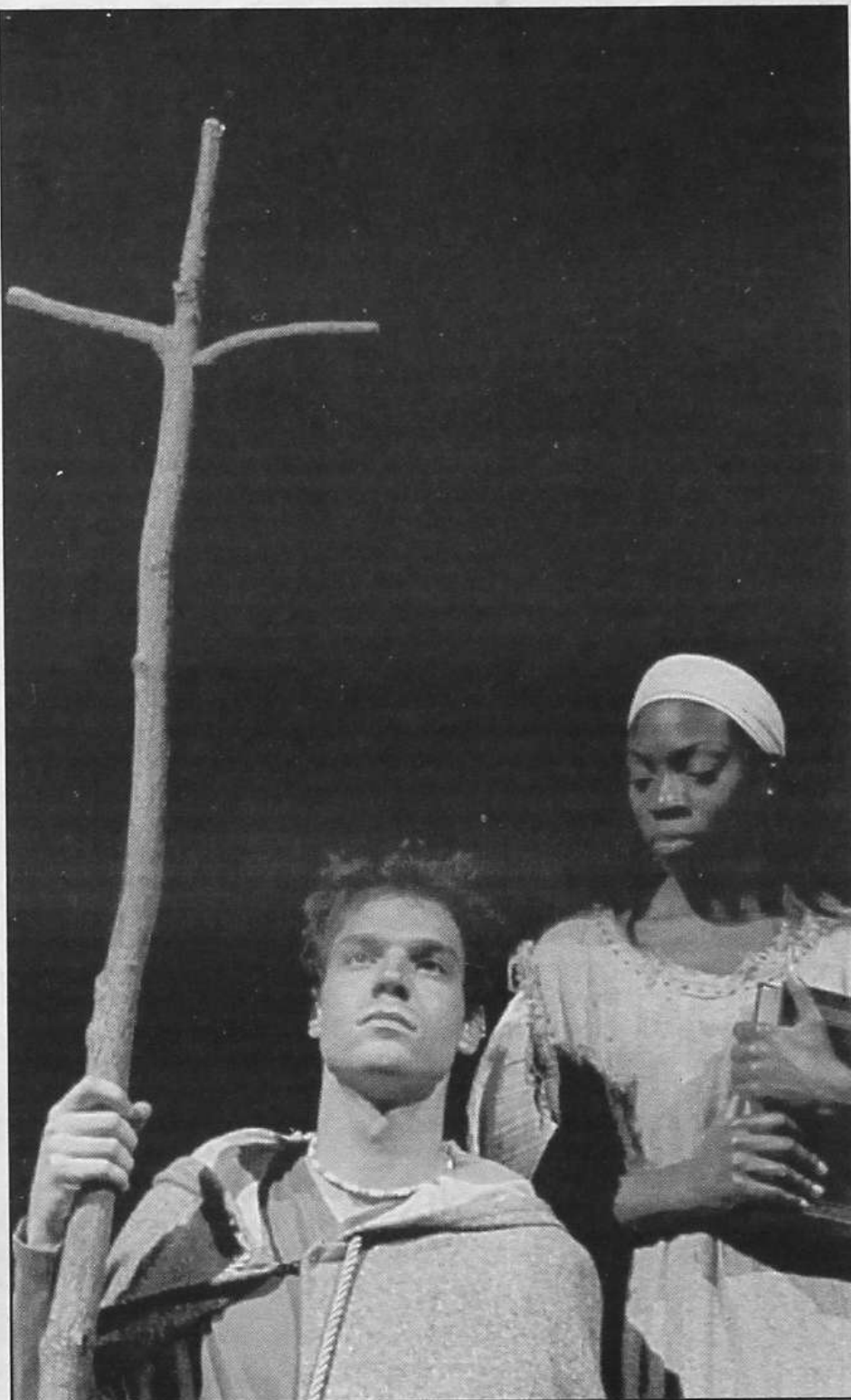
"I'm so used to finding my own entertainment that I don't really get too bored here," Pillow commented.

On occasion, the school sponsors other events, like the "All Campus Fun Night" held two Fridays ago in Phelps. But is "on occasion" enough? One female student would argue that it isn't, and that Hope isn't doing much to reach out to bored students.

"All there is to do are the SAC movies and it's almost like Hope is saying 'go out and drink because there is nothing else to do,'" the anonymous student complained.

She noted that this message contradicts the fact that Hope is a dry campus. For this reason, the student feels more fun activities should be provided "because colleges should never promote drinking." It's hard to argue that if faced with the choice of either sitting in a dorm room or going to a party, a student will choose the party.

On the other side of the argument, Mike Vagle ('07) has been pleasantly surprised with his social life at school compared to that in his hometown. In fact, he loves Hope on



The play "Everyman," put on by the Hope theatre program last year, was a popular event to attend on the weekend.

the weekends, and dorm life here.

"I hang out with my buddies, go to the movies, bowl in the hallway, play cards or a board game, or watch some athletic event," Vagle said.

Vagle, and probably many others, would say that when surrounded by good friends, you can turn anything into a good time. And Hope College is undoubtedly home to many good, fun people also looking for something

to do. Guys can always take Vagle's last bit of advice: "If I get really bored, I just go to a girls' dorm and meet some new girls, it's sweet."

To stay up-to-date with happenings on campus, visit [www.hope.edu](http://www.hope.edu) and click on News and Events, where you'll find listings from arts to sports events.

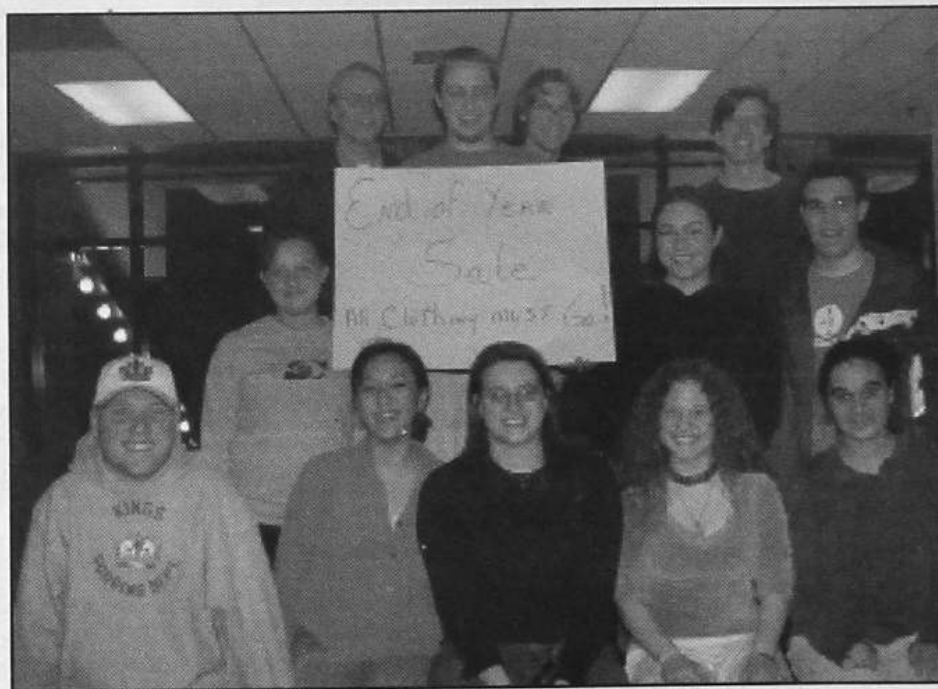
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The Anchor staff takes a break from producing the last issue of the semester. Front row, left to right: Brad Vanderberg ('05), Anjei Dykhuis ('06), Danielle Koski ('04), Jenny Cencer ('07), Maureen Yonovitz ('05). Second row: Katie Taylor ('06), Mackenzie Smith ('07), Andy Boroza ('07). Back row: Advisor Mark Lewison, Nick Denis ('03), Rob Ondra ('04), Jordan Wolfson ('07).



# Left behind: It's Christmas on campus

Some students have to remain at Hope for part of holidays

## SPOTLIGHT

**Mackenzie Smith**  
SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

For most Hope students, Christmas break is synonymous with going home to friends and family. However, there are a number of students who will be spending part or all of their break on campus.

All campus housing units, including dorms and cottages, officially close at 5 p.m. Friday, December 12.

However, not all students will be leaving campus. According to Diana Breclaw, assistant dean for residential life and student activities, students stay on campus for a wide variety of reasons.

"They live too far to go home for holidays — especially international students. They are athletes and have competitions during break, (or they are) working on research for faculty members."

Several students with on-campus jobs will also be here over Christmas break.

As most residential life staff will also be on break, several special precautions will be taken for the safety of these students. A coordinator — coach, advisor, or supervisor — is put in charge of each group of students.

These coordinators are responsible for

checking in with students on a daily basis and serve as the students' liaison for any problems that may occur.

Lisa Lockman, coordinator of residential life and judicial affairs, said, "Our main concern is that we don't have staff on duty or on call." She explained that she is working closely with Campus Safety to ensure campus readiness over the coming three-week break.

The college's housing department is also working to prevent students from staying alone over this time, to provide greater safety for them. If only one person is remaining in a cottage or dorm area, they will be moved to a different room for the course of their stay.

This arrangement will continue until Dec.

22, at which point all campus housing will be completely closed. Students who must be on campus between then and Jan. 1 will be lodged at the Haworth Center.

Lockman emphasized that all college policies, including parietals, will remain in effect over Christmas break.

"We're extending them an invitation," she said, adding that she expects that students who have been granted permission to stay will behave responsibly.

Breclaw said, "There have not been any major problems over any break" at Hope College. These safety precautions are taken to prevent any future problems from occurring.

Margaret Fylstra ('07), a freshman on the girls JV basketball team, will be staying on

***I'm just a little concerned there will be nothing to do here (over break).***

**—Margaret Fylstra ('07)**



ANCHOR PHOTO BY ROB ONDRA

**Finding one parking space - let alone dozens - is usually a challenge near Hope's campus, but during the holiday empty lots will be the rule. Few cars, even fewer students will be present on campus over Christmas break, leaving room for your car and several others.**

campus until Dec. 20. She is more worried about occupying her time than about safety measures on campus.

Fylstra commented, "I'm just a little concerned that there will be nothing to do here, but at the same time, I'll be with my basketball friends and we will find something to do."

Hers is a valid concern, as there will be no planned campus activities over break, with the majority of campus deserted.

Breclaw suggests that students may be able to entertain themselves in downtown Holland, doing everything from "going to the movies, to swimming at the Holland Aquatic Center, ice skating at The Edge ice arena, and

shopping in the lovely Holland stores."

Along with most other buildings on campus, dining halls will also be closed from dinner on Dec. 12 until lunch on Jan. 5.

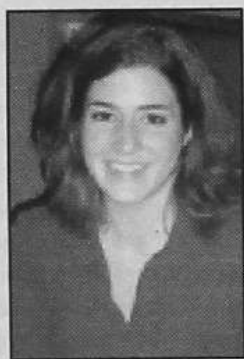
The Kletz will remain open limited hours from Dec. 12 to Dec. 22 and again from Jan. 1 to Jan. 5.

When the Kletz is not available to students, coordinators will make groceries and kitchens available for their use. The dining service will work specifically with international students to guarantee the availability of meals for them.

Some international students will also spend the Christmas holiday with local host families.

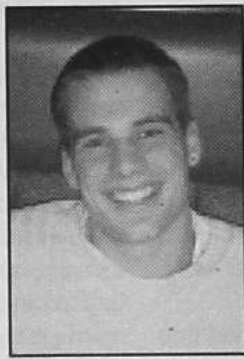
## Seen & Heard

**What is your favorite thing to do over the holidays?**



"My favorite thing to do for the holidays is just relax and spend time with my family and friends."

—Kim Hauser ('06)



"My favorite thing to do over Christmas break is to build snowforts and throw snowballs with my friends — and open presents."

—Joe Albers ('07)



"I like to have fights in the snow, sumo-wrestler style."

—Danielle Keyes ('07)



"I like to make Christmas presents for other people."

—Jessica Henneman ('05)



"My favorite thing to do over the holidays is to sit by my Christmas tree in the living room and fall asleep by the fire."

—Lauren VandeKoppel ('05)

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'Tis the season...

In the past, there have been cries to take consumerism out of Christmas and bring the true meaning of Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus, to the forefront. I agree that Christmas needs to lose the capitalistic makeover it has gotten over the years, but for different reasons.

When I look around at Christmastime, I am disgusted and offended by all the advertisements being crammed down my throat. It gets to the point that you cannot do anything during the holiday season without being told what products you need to buy for December 25. The stores would like nothing more than to make everyone feel they will be worthless unless they buy all the expensive presents their loved ones want, and the retailers make it more than obvious.

To add to the insanity, almost every store has a big holiday sale on the same day. The resultant rush to the stores to support the economic monster is nothing less than chaotic. Just this year, a woman was trampled at the opening of Wal-Mart's day after Thanksgiving sale. Apparently, the crowds behind her felt that saving a few bucks on a DVD player was well worth a human life. While someone on these shoppers' lists will be receiving a much-appreciated gift, another family will be unwrapping a bill for funeral services.

The rabid fervor that is whipped up in the holiday season does not always result in a tragic death, but it is never healthy for those who are pulled in. When shoppers are in such a mad rush to get all their gifts at the lowest possible price, they forget about the humanity of others. This usually manifests itself in the berating of employees for inconsequential matters and the swift swiping of items from other shoppers who happened to be first to the shelves. Instead of spreading holiday cheer, crazed shoppers spread a sense of vanity and selfishness.

As I see it, the real problem with the focus on Christmas shopping is not that it takes the focus off the religious implications of the holiday, but that it causes people to neglect treating our fellow human beings as human beings. This is a value that should be present in our everyday lives, not something that should be reserved for the "Christmas spirit."

Christmas should be a time when we treat everybody with the respect entitled to him or her, simply because of the fact that they are people. The consumer focal point of the holiday allows this respect to wane in a time that most of the country comes together to celebrate family and love. It would be ridiculous to ask that anyone go completely without gifts this Christmas, and I wouldn't even consider it. What is less ludicrous, however, is asking that people simply keep all of this in mind while they shop for friends and family this year. Everyone deserves respect, even if they just bought the last vibrating Elmo that was on the shelf.

Your voice

Former editor lays out reasons to support The Anchor

To the editor:

I was thrilled when I saw a letter in last week's Anchor about the inoperative electronic scrolling sign Student Congress installed in 2000. I was the Anchor editor responsible for starting the "Watch This Space" counter in the Anchor back in 2001, and this is the first time anyone has written to the editor about it.

Yes, the counter has become a glorified space filler for the Anchor, but I put it in for more reasons than that. As I recall, the price of that sign was about \$500 and there were a couple more signs like it around the campus. That year's Student Congress made a huge deal about the signs, pointing to them as examples of an active Congress. However, once the signs were installed, they did little more than display the same messages for weeks on end, and eventually said nothing. That same school year, your current editor and I asked Student Congress to increase the salaries of the Anchor section editors and were denied. When I became editor, I placed the "Watch this Space" counter in the Anchor because I was upset that Student Congress was so willing to throw money away on useless electronic signs, yet refused to help resuscitate Hope College's rapidly dying student newspaper. Sadly, nothing has changed.

The Anchor was once a source of pride for Hope College. In 2000, the Anchor was called the third best weekly college newspaper in the Midwest by the Associated Collegiate Press. Over a dozen similar

awards from previous years are hung on the walls of the Anchor office. Lately though, the Anchor has become somewhat of an embarrassment—fallen trees as front page news and incomprehensible, poorly researched feature stories. I can understand what led Paul Hayes to accuse the Anchor of wasting student money. However, I don't think the answer is to take money away from the Anchor, but to give it more, or rather to give the Anchor

put in some good work at the Anchor and get into medical school at the same time. More and more, college students around the country are becoming more concerned about their grades and are less motivated towards extracurricular activities—especially those as time-consuming as the Anchor. Consequently, the current Anchor leadership is probably just getting by, struggling merely to retain a tiny, vastly underqualified staff.

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staff greater incentive to stay on the Anchor and to work hard at it.

When I worked on the Anchor, I received no college credits for my four years of work and only enough money to buy one electronic scrolling sign per year. Luckily, in my first couple of years, there were a number of students willing, like me, to do hard work for the Anchor despite the small compensation. However, by my junior year, most of these students either burnt out or graduated. The only reason I lasted on the Anchor as long as I did was because I wasn't that academically minded and was willing to sacrifice my GPA for a good student newspaper. I'm not saying this to brag about myself, but to say that Anchor staff members shouldn't be expected to do what I did. A Hope College student should be able to

Instead of letting what was once a great student newspaper fall by the wayside, Student Congress, the Dean of Student Development and his staff, the departments of communications and English, and President Bultman all have to make it priority to find a way to compensate Anchor staff members with either college credit or more money, so Anchor staff won't be forced to choose between the Anchor and classes or a part-time job.

Whatever we think of what appears on the opinion page of the Anchor, we can all agree that a fully-functioning press is a necessary part of any college community (not to mention a valuable source of professional training). A newspaper allows us to experience the fullness and diversity of our college. By informing us, a newspaper enables us to become participants rather than spectators. Even an electronic scrolling sign—even a working scrolling sign—can't do that.

—Matthew Cook ('02)

Hope's value system should support gay marriage

To the editor:

In response to the previous Editor's Voice column, I would like to continue discussion on not only issues facing Hope but also our nation. As a freshman, I have only heard about the division, despondency, and anger the topic of homosexuality caused several years ago at Hope. The common ground between disagreeing parties is the willingness to talk, and that's what democracy and this letter are all about.

This year the issue of gay marriage exploded into the political arena. The first openly gay bishop was confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Archaic sodomy laws were ruled unconstitutional in Texas. Massachusetts' Supreme Court ruled gay marriage does not conflict with its state constitution. Legislators are prompting for a constitutional amendment that would federally ban gay marriage. So why the sudden resurgence of human sexuality dialogue? In a nation where we are now constantly told to defend against 'the evildoers', some turn to also defend something more tangible, personal, and 'sacred': marriage.

'Defense of marriage' laws were created in 1996 after gay marriage was almost legalized in Hawaii. Defense is the key word. The only time someone defends or protects something is when he fears something else. Are we afraid of the prospect of gay marriage? Society's answer is an emphatic yet discrete, "YES!" All too often I hear the 'sanctity' of marriage between a man and a woman must be preserved. Let me be clear: the government has no right to designate and institute its image of what marriage is; especially

when it disrupts the love between two people. David Von Drehle of the Washington Post asks, "If a person's sex life is her own business, and if marriage is a fundamental human right, then why not same-sex marriage?" Gays have lasting relationships too, and the love between two people is all that matters.

Let's put aside our religious convictions and look objectively at this issue from a legal standpoint. This matter is about social justice. A person can quack all day about homosexuality's status as a sin, but gay marriage comes down to the civil liberty of everyone's right to marry who they want regardless of sexual orientation.

After long reflection on this topic, something became clear to me during Vegas Night here at Hope. I could 'get hitched' with a woman I barely knew. Sadly, this does happen in the real Las Vegas, but people also receive a real marriage license with all its rights and privileges. No true love. No union of souls between two people. The spiritual hole of incompleteness marriage was suppose to fulfill between two people still exists. Yet these people have the right to marry.

Hope College is a special place because of its emphasis on building relationships among friends, teachers, that significant other, and God. Hope's ideals reflect why gay marriage is essential, not only for its civil implications, but for its representation of the basic human need of a loving relationship.

—Will Nettleton ('07)

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## Women at Hope deserve respect from men here

To the editor:

"Isn't she hot?" "Check out those hot girls over there!" "Was that girl pretty hot? No, but this other one I met was..." If we're honest, words and phrases like these are coming to be commonplace among some guys on campus. Evidently, these guys seem to think fairly well of all the women out there, since the words are said in a positive context. But what do they mean by "hot" when describing a woman? Do they mean that she is fun to be around, has a wonderful heart for others, is an amazingly brilliant person, or is someone who brings joy to people? Honestly, I have my doubts. I think it means that she is very visually appealing/sexually attractive. And I fear this has become the main focus of some males at Hope in regards to women.

Gentlemen, when you look at a woman, what do you see? I'm not saying that it is bad to be attracted to someone, but what are your motives? Why are you attracted to her? When I see swimsuit posters and the like in the rooms of my peers, I question their motives. Do we see the wonderful women around us as amazing, multi-faceted people with many incredible feelings, thoughts, interests, talents, and abilities? Or do we see them, wishing they were clad in a bikini or less, like on the posters of so many guys' walls?

Think about it. If that's all women are to us—something to be looked at, there for our own enjoyment—how much respect do we really show them? And how much respect does that earn us? When, in our conversations regarding women, we place the emphasis on how "hot" they were and disregard the rest of their beings, they become just as dispensable as the posters and pictures on walls and computer screens. What is happening to men's attitudes of the women on campus? These precious individuals are important one day and then, as soon as we find others who are hotter, we're no longer interested.

Women are not items to be won, nor are they cheap toys for us to use for our own pleasure and later disregard! Men, if the only reason you want to, or are currently going out with someone, is because she's "hot," get a life. Don't settle for that—a relationship like that doesn't mean anything. You're not treating her with the respect she deserves, and you certainly won't gain any respect from her. Any adolescent boy can drool over an attractive woman. Gentlemen, I dare you, as well as myself, to constantly check our motives. Live up to a higher standard, see the real people in the women around us, and do something that earns their respect.

—Brian Barry ('06)

## Students should be grateful for campus arts programs

To the editor:

I am writing in regards to "Forced Attendance Deleterious to respect, enjoyment" letter. Attending events like the Visiting Writers Series, music concerts, and other required events are an intricate part of certain classes here at Hope. In a class like Survey of Jazz, or Encounter with the Arts, to fully understand these art forms, it is imperative that the person experience these things directly. Who do you think would be better at changing the oil in your car, someone who read a book about it or someone that has actually changed their own oil? There is only a certain amount of

information that a person can take in from reading a book. With accredited arts programs like the ones that we have here at Hope, I would hope that professors would take advantage of these phenomenal teaching opportunities.

In regards to the comment, "students who do not want to go will find ways not to attend, and in the process annoy people who actually want to be there," how will they annoy people at the event if they haven't attended it themselves? Your grammatical syntax seems to reflect your attitude. For those people who choose not to attend, they are wasting their own tuition dollars and missing out on an in-

tellectually stimulating experience. I understand that some people can't miss The Bachelor, but we are in college and education should take precedence. I am a musician and if I am not on stage performing, I am in the audience listening. People who leave in the middle of a performance do distract me, but they certainly do not make Hope look bad. They make themselves look bad. I propose another solution to your displeasure. Professors should educate their students on what constitutes proper etiquette for these events. This will allow students to attend these events and not be a disruption.

—Richard VanVoorst ('04)

## Student questions maturity of peers at Hope College

To the editor:

Saturday evening, while leaving Graves Hall after the SAC movie around 11:30 p.m. I saw something absolutely appalling. A crowd was surrounding a boy (I refrain from using the term man based on the level of maturity shown by all involved with the incident) who was hung by his feet from a tree. Members of the group who had put the boy there appeared to be swinging him and hitting him. My reaction was to head back into Graves and call Campus Safety. Unbelievably, others chose to watch this event.

Disturbed by the situation, I waited until the Campus Safety officers were present before I went and found out the details. Apparently the boys, including the one hanging by his ankles, had thought it would be amusing to pull this stunt in the middle of campus. The only action taken by Campus Safety was to tell the young boys to stop.

So many aspects of this situation upset me. In what

society, in what culture, is reenacting a lynching appropriate? In what mind-set would a 20-year-old boy have to be in to agree to hang from a tree while others batted him around? Why was I the only one of the many (twenty at least) people who found this upsetting? Why were the boys not taken care of in a more appropriate manner, I cannot believe that disturbing the peace in this way is accepted by Hope College. What else is permissible on campus? There have been many notices lately telling us to look out for suspicious behavior and people. What if these people are Hope students? With so many security issues lately, is this really the time to mess with people's heads?

I am frustrated and angered by the whole situation. Hope students, I expected more out of you. I expected a certain level of maturity. Campus Safety, I expected more from you. Laughing the matter off is not the right answer.

—Annie Schuster ('06)

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## Hope looks forward to weekend tournaments

### Flying Dutch stay undefeated, Dutchmen have tough weekend

**Andrew Borozan**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dutch's continued success over the past couple years has carried over into this one, or so it seems early in this basketball season. The Dutch improved to a sparkling 4-0 as they defeated previously unbeaten Anderson, Ind. 63-50 on Saturday and defeated rival Calvin 78-61 Nov. 25.

After trailing Anderson at the half 26-18, the Dutch exploded with a 45 point outburst in the second half. Sisters Bria ('06) and Linda Ebels ('06) led the charge for the Dutch as they both tallied 15 points apiece. Linda also pulled down an astounding 14 rebounds. Teammate and captain Adelynn Vilmann ('05) also had a superb performance as she grabbed 11 rebounds and had 10 points.

"In our first home game everyone was a little tight in the first half. We were playing good defense but our shots were not falling," commented Linda Ebels on the

Anderson game. "In the second half we played really well as a team. Even though we were behind, we did not let that stop us. We picked up our defense and the other team was getting frustrated. Our shots started to fall and with hard work we won the game."

On Tuesday, Hope took an early 45-18 lead into half time and fended off a late charge by the Knights to win 78-61. Bria Ebels had another great performance turning in 18 points. Vilmann dominated the boards again, grabbing 10 rebounds.

It was a different story for the Dutchmen this past weekend. Carrying a perfect record into The Hall of Fame Classic at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, the Dutchmen bowed to both Grand Valley State and Cornerstone University.

Miserable shooting from the floor spelled trouble for the Dutchmen against Grand Valley. Grand Valley took a half-time lead and never looked back as they defeated the Dutchmen 71-58. Bright spots for the Dutchmen included Kyle Kleersnyder's ('06) 17 points and five rebounds and Andy Phillips' ('06) 15 points and two assists.

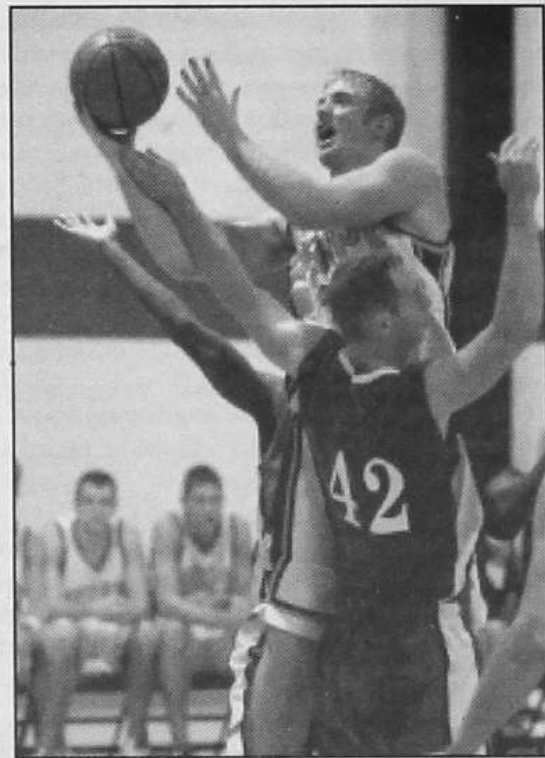
Looking for at least one win in the weekend tourney, the Dutchmen then took on Cornerstone. A stingy defense on Cornerstone's part played a vital role in a late comeback as Cornerstone overcame a halftime deficit to defeat the Dutchmen 75-71. Phillips' 20 points and seven rebounds couldn't lift the Dutchmen over the Eagles and Hope fell to 3-2 on the year.

"We will bounce back. It was nice to play at a big venue like Van Andel, but it doesn't beat the Civic Center," said Greg Immink ('05) after Friday and Saturday's losses.

Immink added 17 points and four assists over the weekend and looks forward to a fresh start as the Dutchmen will travel down to Chicago and take on the Trolls of Trinity Christian College.

"We're excited to get back on track this Tuesday at Trinity. Then we hope to get some momentum going as we play a home tournament next weekend."

The Dutchmen will host Marygrove Friday at 8 p.m. at the Civic Center, and the Flying Dutch will host Olivet at 6 p.m. over at the Dow Center. Both tournaments will continue Saturday.



Travis Spaman ('05) goes hard to the basket in a tournament game last month. Spaman and the Dutch look to get back on track as they host the Holland Sentinel Community Classic this weekend.

## Dutchmen fall to Thunder in first round of playoffs

### A strong second half was not enough to overcome deep hole

**Andrew Borozan**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite 65 pass attempts, seven touchdown tosses, and 500 passing yards (all new school records) by MIAA offensive player of the year Phil Butler ('04), a school record 14 receptions and 205 yards receiving for tight-end Scott Jeschke ('04), and going 3/3 on fourth down conversions and a 32-14 run starting midway through the third quarter, the Flying Dutchmen couldn't pull it out against Wheaton in the first round of the playoffs, falling 55-45.

Wheaton scored often and early, taking a 24-0 lead just two minutes into the second quarter. Hope touchdowns by Jeschke and Joe Verschueren ('05) midway through the second gave Hope a glimpse of

hope as they trailed at half 34-13.

Wheaton started off the half with an eight-play drive, capped off by a 22-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Chad Bradley. The Hope offense then exploded. Two quick strikes by Jeschke and Verschueren made the score 41-26 at the end of the third. Another score by Wheaton didn't faze Hope as Butler hooked up with Jake Schrock ('05) on a 30-yard touchdown pass. A 12-play, 71-yard drive



Wheaton defender Ty Gose #28 stops the Dutch in their place. Even though Wheaton held a commanding lead early, the Dutchmen stormed back into the game in the second half.

capped off by a two-yard touchdown run by Wheaton spelled doom for the Dutchmen. However, Butler threw for two more touchdowns, but a late pass thrown by

Butler was picked off by a Wheaton defender late in the fourth sealing the playoff victory for the Thunder.

"We were hoping that we had made greater strides than they had since we first played them, but I think they have just gotten better," Coach Kreps commented after the game. "We were hoping that we had closed the gap on them a little bit more than we had. We were hoping the difference was going to be the running game." The running game proved to be Hope's downfall as they only managed 26 yards on the ground all game.

Kreps still came out of the game with a smile, as he was proud of Hope's effort and determination. "I was proud of the kids. They fought to the end and I never saw anyone giving in. We had our chances and the kids fought hard. That's what you want."

The Dutchmen finished the MIAA title season with an overall 7-4 record.

## Successful fall brings brightness to bleak winter

**Brad Vanderberg**  
SPORTS EDITOR

An exciting semester of Hope sports is coming to an end, and while all teams fell short of a national championship, there was more success than disappointment.

After a mediocre 2002 season, the football team re-captured the MIAA title they had last won in the 2000 season. Quarterback Phil Butler ('04) topped off his unbelievable collegiate career, being named the 2003 offensive most valuable player and recognized as MIAA offensive player of the week numerous times throughout his career. Hope has had the privilege of having the offensive most valuable player four out of the last five years.

The Dutchmen lost their first

round game at Wheaton, after almost climbing back from a 24 point deficit in the first half. The undefeated Thunder went on to beat (8-1) Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio 16-12 this past Saturday. The Thunder are strong contenders to win the national championship this year, but they must get past defending champs Mt. Union, Ohio this Saturday. The Purple Raiders have won seven national championships in the last ten years.

The soccer programs cashed in big time, both earning berths in the national championship tournament. The women entered the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history and hosted a first round game against Manchester, Ind. which the Dutch won. The

2003 season also witnessed the powerful emergence of several young players including fullback Rachel Sauerman ('07) and keeper Holly Nestle ('07), both named to the MIAA first team. Sauerman has become an anchor on defense and Nestle recorded 15 shutouts on the season.

The Dutchmen also had another exceptional season, qualifying for the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row, posting a strong 14-4-4 overall record. Karter Klingenberg ('07) led coach Smith's Dutchmen with 11 goals and Ed Huebner ('04) had 6 assists. Kevney Dugan ('07) also contributed both on offense and defense chipping in some key goals.

With the dawn of a new basket-

ball season, Hope fans can expect more success and excitement.

### This week in sports

#### Men's Basketball

Hope 81, Trinity Christian 69  
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#### Women's Basketball

Hope 63, Anderson, Ind. 50  
Hope Subway Shootout  
Tournament 12/5-12/6 at  
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#### Ice Hockey

Dutchmen host Northwood  
University 12/6 at The Edge  
Ice Arena in Holland. Puck  
drop at 9:00 p.m.

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